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SUBJECT: STUDENT SITUATION

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1. STUDENTS AT KOREA UNIVERSITY STAGED DEMONSTRATION
OF SIGNIFICANT SIZE ON AND OFF CAMPUS NOVEMBER 15.

2. ABOUT 2,000 KOREA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MET ON
CAMPUS AND ADOPTED A STATEMENT ACCUSING GOVERNMENT
OF "TRAMPLING ON PEOPLE'S RIGHTS" AND DEMANDING
RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS. MEETING REPORTEDLY
DECIDED TO SEND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO
MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
TO CONVEY DEMANDS AND DECLARED THEY WOULD RESUME
DEMONSTRATIONS IF DEMANDS NOT SATISFIED BY NOON
NOVEMBER 17.

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3. FOLLOWING ON-CAMPUS RALLY, STUDENTS ATTEMPTED

TO MARCH TO STREETS, BUT ENCOUNTERED LOCKED GATE
AND RIOT POLICE. SOME STUDENTS, VARIOUSLY
REPORTED BETWEEN 200 AND 700, CLIMBED FENCE
AND THREW STONES AT POLICE. POLICE RESPONDED
WITH TEAR GAS AND ARRESTED 60, ACCORDING TO
POLICE SOURCE. POLICE DID NOT ENTER CAMPUS.

4. EYE WITNESS REPORTED GATES OPEN AND CAMPUS
OUTWARDLY CALM IN LATE AFTERNOON.

5. CHURCH AND PRESS SOURCES INFORM THAT FACULTY
AND ABOUT 90 STUDENTS AT HANKUK PRESBYTERIAN
SEMINARY HAVE SHAVED THEIR HEADS AND LAUNCHED
A HUNGER STRIKE IN FURTHER PROTEST AGAINST
SUPPRESSION OF FREEDOMS.

6. LOCAL MEDIA CARRIED NO RPT NO REPORTS OF
TODAY'S STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY.
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